

Attendance: recorded at 16

- Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). Tim Norton is interested in the possibility of pursuing RECs to offset Creighton's electricity usage to show a commitment to sustainability with a side benefit of reducing our carbon footprint. This would cost approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000. Electricity counts for about 35% of the annual greenhouse gas emissions (approximately 28,000 MTeCO₂). From the OPPD rep: "All money collected as part of the green power program (including individual REC sales) goes to support the existing renewable energy contracts that OPPD has entered into. As far as your individual promotion, our RECs can be used to offset your carbon footprint. However, since the market price of RECs has decreased so dramatically and since the regulations around selling RECs have increased, RECs do not generate a significant source of revenue. We offer RECs on an individualized basis only to help customers who wish to offset their carbon footprint."
 - This will also help with future green power
 - Exciting that Facilities is considering this
 - Will never get to zero on our own without offsets at some point
 - Step in the right direction of what we're committed to
 - Need to stay competitive if other schools are using RECs
 - Sounds like we would be paying extra for our energy
 - There are a lot of things on campus being put aside because of lack of funding; should we be spending money on this?
 - Would rather see us use that money on something to lower our own emissions
 - Do we really know where the money will be spent? Can't speak to the concrete impact
 - Could we do this on campus? Would be nice to have it "real" for us
 - If we were to do this, is OPPD the best choice? Are there others?
 - Is there something that we could spend that money on that would get us similar PR?
 - Convert a shuttle to CNG/electric
 - Electric vehicle for public safety
 - Would be willing to get PR around that investment
 - Don't have enough information to make a decision. Could Tim come speak about it? At this time, the Council can not recommend purchasing RECs and recommends spending that money on campus in a way that would generate good PR.
- The City of Lincoln's "Mayor's Committee on International Friendship" is hosting an international delegation next week to talk about climate change and renewable energy. One of their visitors is from the Vatican and was involved heavily in writing Laudato Si. Because of this, the committee contacted Creighton about a visit with the delegation. One of the goals of any IVLP (International Visitor Leadership Program) project, climate change or not, is to share and learn the different perspectives between our visitors and our local community. To that end, we will hear from our visitors about themselves and their work with climate change in their home countries. In return, we will talk about what Creighton is doing with respect to sustainability.

- Discussion of the future of the Council in light of the new President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability. We will continue as-is until told otherwise. As it stands right now, there may be some overlap in personnel, but not in mission.

Upcoming events:

- Next meeting is July 15 @ 2pm in Eppley 119
- St. Francis Day celebrations TBD in October 2016.